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SUBJECT: CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO INTERVIEW WITH FORMER
RVN PRESIDENT THIEU

1. THE SEPTEMBER 22-23 ISSUES OF CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO (CKSP)
CARRIED A SEPTEMBER 19 INTERVIEW GIVEN TO A CKSP REPORTER
BY FORMER RVN PRESIDENT NGUYEN VAN THIEU. FOLLOWING ARE
HIGHLIGHTS FROM THAT INTERVIEW.

2. THIEU SAID THE US HAS GIVEN HIM "A BLANKET INVITATION"
TO GO TO THE US AT ANY TIME. "I HAVE NO PLANS TO GO TO
THE US BECAUSE MY EXPERIENCE OF COOPERATION WITH THE
COUNTRY HAS BEEN BITTER TO FORGET," THIEU WAS QUOTED AS
SAYING. HE ADDED THAT HE THOUGHT THE USG HAD DECEIVED
SOUTH VIETNAM, THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, AND THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE, AND THAT THE US PRESS HAD DISTORTED FACTS.
NONETHELESS, HE HAD NO COMPLAINTS AT THE PRESENT TIME AGAINST
THE US BUT HOPED IT WOULD LEARN FROM LESSONS AND REUNITE
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ANTI-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES.

3. THIEU ALSO WARNED THE US THAT IT SHOULD NOT CONTINUE
ITS MISTAKEN POLICY TOWARDS THE PRC, AND OPINED THAT

IF THE SOVIET UNION AND THE PRC START TO COOPERATE AGAIN,
THE US WOULD BE TOTALLY ISOLATED.

4. HE SAID THAT THE DEATHS OF MAO AND CHOU WILL PROVIDE
A GOOD CHANCE FOR THE ROC TO RETURN TO THE MAINLAND AND
PERHAPS AT THE SAME TIME LIBERATE VIETNAM FROM THE
COMMUNISTS.

5. THIEU REPORTEDLY DISMISSED AS RUMORS REPORTS THAT
HE HAD SHIPPED OUT FIFTY TONS OF GOLD FROM VIETNAM.

6. HE ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE KILLING OF RVN PRESIDENT
NGO DINH DIEM BY A MILITARY TRIUMVIRATE HEADED BY GENERAL
DUONG VAN MINH WAS INSTIGATED BY A "CERTAIN OTHER
COUNTRY" AND NOT BY THE US. (THE CKSP REPORTER ADDED
THAT ALTHOUGH THIEU DID NOT SPECIFICALLY NAME THE
"CERTAIN OTHER COUNTRY", IT IS "UNDOUBTEDLY FRANCE.")

7. A TRANSLATION OF THE FULL TEXT IS NOW BEING PREPARED
AND WILL BE POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT WHEN COMPLETED.
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